

RCx Program & UESC

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Agenda



- ☐ What is RCx?
- ☐ PG&E's RCx Program
- ☐ RCx and UESC



What is RCx?



A systematic process for optimizing performance of a facility's existing equipment, lighting controls, processes, and control systems

A building tune-up using a facility's existing equipment:

- *Lighting Controls*
- *HVAC Controls & Processes*
- *Control Systems*



Common RCx Measures

Measures are determined on a site-by-site basis.

Scheduled Loads

- Equipment Scheduling: Time of Day
- Equipment Scheduling: Optimum Start-Stop
- Equipment Scheduling: Lighting Controls

Economizer/Outside Air Loads

- Economizer Operation: Inadequate Free Cooling
- Over-Ventilation

Control Problems

- Simultaneous Heating and Cooling
- Sensor/Thermostat Calibration
- Hunting and Loop Tuning
- Damper/Valve Actuator Calibration

Controls: Setpoint Changes

- Duct Static Pressure Setpoint
- Piping Differential Pressure Setpoint
- Reduction of VAV Box Minimum Setpoint

Equipment Maintenance

- Leaking Valves (hot water or chilled water valves)
- Actuator / Damper Operation

Controls: Reset Schedules

HW Supply Temperature Reset or HW Plant Scheduling

CHW Supply Temperature Reset

Supply Air Temperature Reset:

Cooling and Heating

Duct Static Pressure Reset

Equipment Efficiency Improvements / Load Reduction

- De-Lamping of Over-Lit Spaces
- Pump Discharge Throttled, Over-Pumping and Low Delta T–Trim Impeller

Variable Frequency Drives (VFD)

- VFD Retrofit – Fans
- VFD Retrofit – Pumps
- VFD Repair

Process Systems

- Control system repairs and system optimization.
- System component optimization



Program Overview

Examples of RCx Eligible Measures

What's Eligible:

- Tuning VAV controls to eliminate simultaneous heating and cooling
- Tuning and repairing economizers
- Reprogramming building controls
- Calibrating sensors
- Adding sensors and control points
- Resetting chilled and hot water set points
- Pneumatic to DDC Conversion (assuming coincident documented energy savings)

What's Not:

- Lamp, ballast & fixture replacements
- Replacement of existing motors with premium efficiency motors
- Major plant or distribution measures
- Short-term, routine maintenance items
- Fuel switching measures
- Measures that do not save energy (except indoor air quality measures)



PG&E's RCx Program

PG&E Provided Support : operational efficiency

- Investigate Measures
- Catalog Measures and Resolutions
- Site Measurements
- Develop the Baseline & Calculate Potential Savings
 - Modeling (BIN Temp Analysis, Building Simulation)
- Verify Measures are installed and Functioning Properly
- Educate Customer to Maintain Persistence
- PG&E Also Provides Incentives



Incentives



**\$100/on-peak kW, \$0.09/kWh, and
\$1/therm annual achieved
savings**

Capped at 50% of measure cost



Eligible Customers: All Market Segments



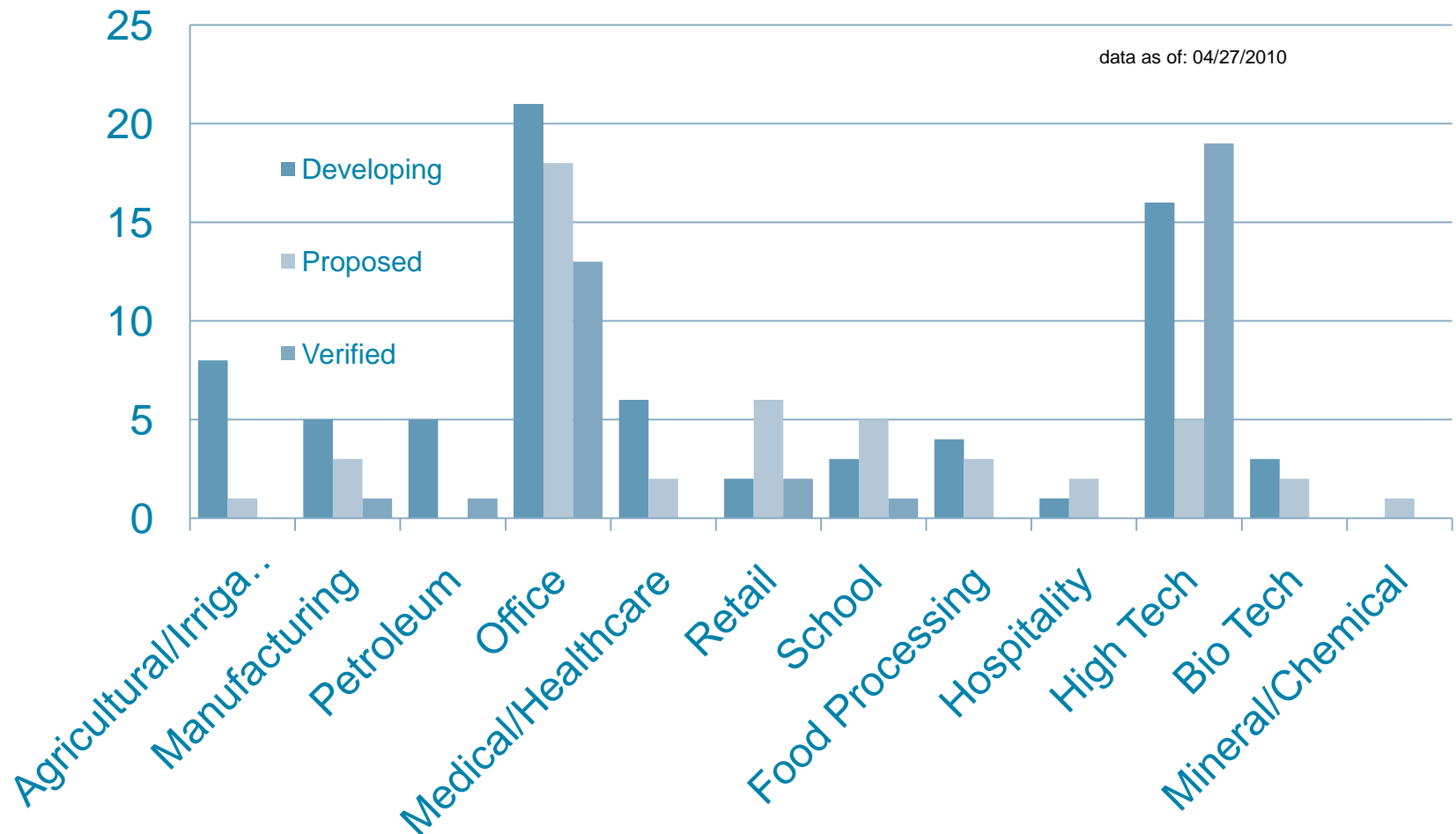
Ideal Segments:

- Large Commercial: In general, >100,000 square feet, 2M kWh, or 500 kW
- Industrial and Manufacturing:
- Refineries and Food Processing
- Hightech/Biotech:
- Data centers, labs, clean rooms



Active Projects Across Segments

Count of Core RCx Active Projects by Segment





Program Overview

RCx Benefits and Considerations

Benefits

- Reduced energy costs
- Reduced energy consumption (5-15%)
- Short measure payback (<4 yrs)
- Thorough facility assessment
- Project implementation support
- Improved occupant comfort, reduced service calls

Considerations

- Process takes time
- Requires significant PG&E investment
- Requires staff commitment from customer
- Not yet set up to service smaller customers



Incorporating RCx & UESC

UESC Example Project

- **Pneumatic Zone Wireless DDC T-Stat from Cypress Envirosystems (~1750 zones in 13 Buildings)**
- **Expansion of DDC Ethernet network to upgraded buildings**
- **Enhanced control sequences for chilled water systems and air handlers**
- **Adjustment of building zone minimum/heating air flow set points**
- **Repair of malfunctioning zone controls**
- **Demand flow chilled water plant optimization**



Incorporating RCx & UESC

UESC Example Project Results -

- **RCx Savings:**
 - Electricity: 3,268,390 kWh
 - Demand: 149.2 kW
 - Nat. Gas: 168,001 therms
- **Percent of UESC project saving:**
 - Electric: 36%
 - Nat. Gas: 13%



UESC Projects w/RCx

RCx Moving Forward

- **Incorporate into all known energy audit opportunities.**
 - **Investment, Integrated and Scoping Grade Audits**



Q&A